GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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UNDERWEIGHT LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that cylinders with less quantity of LPG are being supplied by various agencies in the country, particularly in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard and the action taken against the agencies found guilty ; (

(c) whether the Government propose to ensure supply of LPG cylinders with appropriate quantity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have reported to have received 27 established complaints against their LPG distributors relating to supply of under weight cylinders in the country during the period April-December, 2000. Appropriate action against the defaulting distributors has been taken in terms of Distributorship Agreement.

(c) and (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies carry out 100% re-checking of weight on a check scale after the cylinders are filled on carousel. Before delivery and loading in truck, filled cylinders are again subjected to statistical quality control to ensure that only cylinders of correct quality and quantity reach the distributors. LPG distributors are also under instruction to check every cylinder for soundness / correct weight before delivering to consumers. Inspite of above measures, . if any under weight cylinder is supplied to the consumers, the same is replaced free of cost immediately when brought to the notice of the LPG distributor / company.